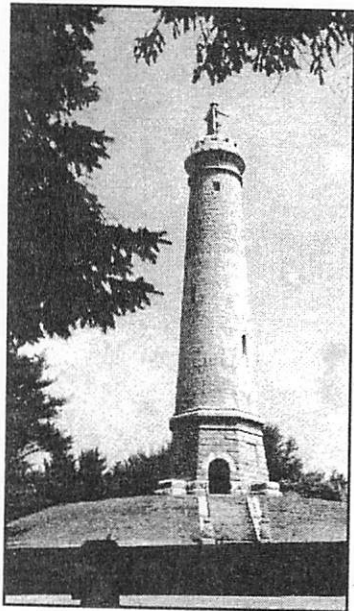


Standish Monument

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Standish Monument is 101

The Myles Standish Monument is 101 years old this year. The monument, which was opened on Memorial Day, is open for visitors from 10am to 6pm. Visitors can enjoy a view of Duxbury bay and the Atlantic Ocean from the base of the monument, but the view will be more impressive from the viewing area at the top. Out of the five windows at the top of the monument one can see Provincetown or as far as Boston on a clear day.

The monument lies atop "Captain's Hill" which was the highest point of Standish's 100-acre farm. The monument pays tribute to Myles Standish who was one of the 105 English settlers on the Mayflower, chosen to command the first group of men to go ashore when the ship reached New England in 1620.

Construction of the monument began in 1872 but was not completed until 1898. In 1924 lightning struck Myles Standish statue at the top of the monument and destroyed its head and right arm. The statue was fixed in 1926. In 1980 the entire monument was deemed unsafe for public use but after extensive renovation work it was re-opened in 1988.